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Protected water-supply for Perintalmanna Panchayat area in South Malabar.

* 82 *Q.*—SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal to provide protected water-supply for the Panchayat area of Perintalmanna (South Malabar) where the water scarcity is very acute during summer months?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" No, Sir."

SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE :—" May I know why the Government have not got any such scheme and whether any suggestion was made by the Local Development Committee constituted in the taluk to introduce a system of protected water-supply in the Perintalmanna town? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I have no information regarding what the Local Development Committee has done."

Grant of special pay to steno-typists.

* 83 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government of Madras have issued any orders that special pay of Rs. 15 per mensem, granted to steno-typists with lower grade qualification in Shorthand, be continued for a further period of one year from April 1954 to March 1955?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Yes."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY :—" May I know whether the grant of this special pay will be made a permanent feature and not restricted to one year only? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No, Sir. The grant of this special pay has been continued up to 31st March 1955."

Retrenchment of workers in the plantations of the Valparai Hills.

* 84 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representation has been received from the United Planters' Association of South India for effecting large-scale retrenchment of workers in the different plantations of Valparai Hills; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken by the Government?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) No.

" (*b*) Does not arise."